

Newsletter

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McMinnville



Note from the Board

Dear Families,

WELCOME!

The board welcomes all our new and returning families to school this fall. We look forward to a wonderful school year.

Join us on Sept 8th for our Back to School potluck. This is a chance say hello, meet families and answer questions about the new school year. In addition, please see the "Got Questions?" section in this newsletter for more information about questions you may have.

Parent night is scheduled for October 11th, and it is an opportunity for parents to come see the classrooms, have a presentation by the teaching staff, and ask questions. It is scheduled in October to give both classrooms a chance to settle in, and for all the primary students to begin their program, as new students have a staggered start. Please plan on attending.

Thanks to the many families who have been working over the summer cleaning and repairing to help prepare for the fall. Thank you parents for your hard work.

The board meets the first Wednesday of each month at 5:30. As always, parents are welcome to attend. The next meeting is Sept. 6th, at school.

I look forward to seeing you at the picnic on Friday.

Many thanks,
Kim Sapunar

Calendar of Events:

1 st Day of School	Sept 5
Board Meeting	Sept 6
Welcome Back Pot luck	Sept 8
In Service Day No School	Sept 29
Parent Night	Oct 11

Potluck!

Please join us on Friday, September 8th, 2006, at 5:30 for our "Kick of the School Year / Welcome Back / Orientation / Potluck Party". We will meet at the covered Shelter at West Wortman Park, off McDaniel Lane.

Our food was so great from the end of the year picnic last June, that we ask returning families to please bring the same thing! A similar dish for 6 to 8 people that you brought in June. For our new families, please bring whatever you would like.

New families, please join us whether your child has begun class. New students have a staggered start over the month of September.

We will have a chance to say hello, welcome back, meet new families, and answer questions as the new school year begins. Don't miss it!

Parent Organization News

Parent Organization officers:

Leslie Kelley, President

BJ Larmouth, Vice President

Andrea Bauer, Secretary

Linda Scherf-Gardner, Treasurer

Thank you for your support of the school

Hello and welcome to all of our new and returning parents!

If you have any questions or concern you wish to share with the PO please contact me at kellyb@onlinemac.com or (503) 383-8418.

See you at the school picnic!

Thanks Leslie Kelley

Look for your SOS job packet this week at school. Each family signs up for specific jobs that help support our school. We love our families and their volunteer hours. We ask each family volunteer 10 hours of time during the school year. Many of our families do more than 10, and we appreciate your energy and enthusiasm for supporting our school.

Got Questions?

Here is a general outline of where to go if you have questions. Please also remember that the parent handbook outlines our school policies and recommendations. Each family received a handbook in their registration package.

Of course, if you are simply not sure where to start, please begin with your child's teacher. All email contact information is in this newsletter, and phone numbers are on the bulletin board in the foyer. We will soon have our school roster published as well.

If you have questions about the classroom, for example: snacks, schedules, lunch food, activities, parent observation, clothing, wellness or illness, please ask your teacher. Our teachers are available mornings before class, during lunch or at the end of the class day. Feel free to talk to them, leave a message for them to call you back, email them, or set up an appointment to meet. They are flexible and will be happy to work with you and your schedule.

If you have a question about your SOS job (jobs to support the school and classrooms) or school fundraising, please direct them to an officer of the Parent Organization.

If you have a question about the budget, school operations, long-term goals, or administration, please ask any member of the board.

For questions about billing, please ask Tammy in the office.

We want to make sure you get the information you need, so please don't hesitate to ask!

“Never help a child with a task at which he feels he can succeed.”

–Dr. Maria Montessori

Board Meetings:

Our board meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month, beginning at 5:30pm. They are held at school. Parents are always welcome to attend. Generally, the agenda goes out to families via email before each meeting. The board discusses budget concerns, administrative issues, and long range planning ideas. If there are any confidential matters to discuss, they are held in an executive session.

Meeting schedule:

September 6th
 October 4th
 November 1st
 December 6th
 January 3rd
 February 7th
 March 1st
 April 4th
 May 2nd
 June 6th

A BIG thanks to the Parent Organization for a new set of puzzle maps for the Primary class. They are of wonderful quality and up to date with the countries and continents. This is a very wonderful addition to the Primary class.

Please check your parent folder regularly at school. This is where newsletters, updates, and school info is given out to parents.

Folders are located next to the bulletin board and the sign out list.

Also remember to sign your child out as you pick them up each day, and sign them in if they arrive after the morning curb side drop off.

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